

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a tire having a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

forming the tire reinforcing member by:

providing a rotatable carrier having a vertical rotating axis, and an extruder having an extrusion nozzle that is arranged adjacent to the carrier so as to be movable radially of the carrier; and

extruding onto the carrier a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle radially of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with the extrusion nozzle reciprocated in radial directions of the carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed;

wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a tire to which said annular laminated body has been incorporated; and

incorporating the tire reinforcing member into a green tire from which the tire is produced, wherein

the tire reinforcing member is applied to the green tire in a side surface area of the green tire, between an outer rubber and side wall portion and an inner liner rubber.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein a bead filler rubber of the green tire is also formed on the carrier, and wherein the carrier supports a bead

~~filler rubber thereon, and said annular laminated body is applied along, and adhered to at least one side of, said bead filler rubber.~~

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a tire having a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

forming a green tire on a rotatable carrier having a horizontal rotating axis, wherein an extruder having an extrusion nozzle is arranged opposite to an outer peripheral surface of the carrier so as to be movable in axial and radial directions of the carrier;

extruding onto a desired portion of the green tire a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle in the axial and radial directions of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with the extrusion nozzle reciprocated in axial directions of the carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed on the desired portion of the green tire;

wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a tire to which said annular laminated body has been incorporated;

wherein the tire reinforcing member is applied to the green tire in a side surface area of the green tire, between an outer rubber and side wall portion and an inner liner rubber;

and

forming the tire from the green tire.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said extruder has a roller die comprised of a pair of rollers forming a gap through which said rubber ribbon is passed to have a desired cross-section, and the rubber ribbon is subsequently adhered onto the desired portion of the green tire by one of said rollers.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)